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SUBJ: CIVAIR: AIR FRANCE FLEET RENEWAL

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1. BRUNEAU, TECHNICAL ADVISER FOR CIVAIR MATTERS IN CABINET OF STATE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION CAVAILLE, TELLS US THAT INTERMINISTERIAL COMMITTEE MEETING THAT WAS TO HAVE BEEN HELD ON JULY 23 ON SUBJECT OF AIR FRANCE FLEET RENEWAL AND NEW AIRCRAFT DEVELOPMENT WAS POSTPONED BECAUSE OF LAST-MINUTE CONFLICT IN SCHEDULE OF PRIME MINISTER CHIRAC WHO IS TO CHAIR THE MEETING. BRUNEAU SAID THAT COMMITTEE WILL MEET IN NEAR FUTURE BUT NO DATE HAS YET BEEN FIXED. HE WAS UNWILLING VENTURE ANY PREDICTION OF WHAT OUTCOME OF THE MEETING MIGHT BE.

2. BRUNEAU DENIED THAT DELEGATION FROM FRENCH AERO-SPACE INDUSTRY WILL BE VISITING BOEING PLANT NEXT WEEK, AS WE HAD REPORTED PARA 5 REFTEL (BASED ON STORY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN LE MONDE). HOWEVER, HE SAID THAT ABRAHAM, DIRECTOR

OF AIR TRANSPORT AT SGAC AND CHARGE DE MISSION IN  
CAVILLE'S CABINET, HAD VISITED BOEING PLANT FOR TALKS  
LAST WEEK.

3. COMMENT: ABRAHAM VISIT WAS DOUBTLESS IN RESPONSE  
BOEING INVITATION REPORTED PARA 3 PARIS 12546, WHICH  
WE KNOW WAS RENEWED DURING BOEING CHAIRMAN WILSON'S  
TALKS WITH GOF OFFICIALS DURING PARIS AIR SHOW.  
ABRAHAM, BECAUSE OF HIS DUAL ROLE IN SGAC AND IN  
CAVILLE'S CABINET, IS KEY FIGURE AT WORKING LEVEL IN  
GOF FOR BOTH FLEET RENEWAL AND NEW CIVIL AIRCRAFT  
DEVELOPMENT. HE IS CLOSER TO CAVAILLE AND CARRIES  
MORE WEIGHT WITH HIM ON THESE MATTERS THAN DOES  
BRUNEAU, FOR EXAMPLE. HENCE, ABRAHAM DISCUSSIONS  
WITH BOEING WOULD HAVE MORE POTENTIAL THAN WOULD  
DISCUSSIONS WITH ANY FRENCH INDUSTRY DELEGATION ANYWAY  
IN TERMS OF INFLUENCING AND COMMITTING GOF POSITION.  
SHOULD DELEGATION FROM FRENCH AEROSPACE INDUSTRY GO  
TO SEATTLE FOR TALKS WITH BOEING AT SOME FUTURE DATE,  
THIS WOULD OF COURSE DEFINITELY SIGNAL HEIGHTENED GOF  
INTEREST IN EXPLORING TECHNICAL AREAS OF POSSIBLE  
COOPERATION FOLLOWING BOEING TALKS WITH GOF OFFICIALS  
HERE AND ABRAHAM'S RECENT FURTHER TALKS WITH BOEING.  
WE ALSO NOTE THAT CAVAILLE PLANS TO SPEND A DAY WITH  
BOEING DURING HIS US VISIT IN SEPTEMBER (SEPT), AS  
WELL AS VISITING MCDONNELL DOUGLAS AND LOCKHEED.  
ABRAHAM WILL BE IN THE PARTY.  
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